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## Letter to Dudley Chase

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Dear Brother Dudley:

K. Ch. 240528

Cambridge England  
May 28-1824.

Your kind letter of 23<sup>d</sup>. of March last was duly rec<sup>d</sup>. - I thank you Br. Brother for your loving kindness, in sympathizing with me on the death of Br. Philander. For him I do not mourn. Sure I am, he's gone to Paradise and would not, would he, come into this troublesome world again if you would make him master of all its wealth & heretaker of all its joys - I can not & do not mourn for my son: but I mourn for myself. - I see and feel that I was quite unworthy of such a Son - and God has taken him justly from me. I am now quite alone in the ministry comforted with the comfort Philander's corpse my gave me. - But I do not say this by way of complaining at this dispensation heavy as it is. I know that God has done right in thus afflicting. I feel the rod which strikes me - & I believe it was intended. I should feel it, for I can not help it - All my former sorrows never drew so many tears from eyes - at this moment in thinking of my meek, darling son Philander they flow as in a stream; but they are not tears of complaint. I submit, and praise God in the unshaken faith that this as well as all other dispensations of Divine Providence shall work together for my good.



You doubtless have seen an "Appeal" in behalf  
of the Diocese of Ohio, compiled & published by  
the friends of Lord Gambier to show Mr Clay  
had introduced me by letter. This appeal I think to  
you (in main part) published in the Christian Re-  
server which has a great circulation in Am<sup>a</sup>.

You may also have seen the Cincinnati  
Protest of B. H. Hawks conduct & Mr Onder-  
donks answer to the same.

Adhering to my firm resolution at first & taking  
I have not and intend not to publish a  
word of controversy in Eng<sup>d</sup>. If this for-  
bearance makes my adversaries more  
bold I can not help it. I sometimes fear  
to Eng<sup>d</sup> and there in fear I shall return  
I have but one life to live and that, in  
the part remaining, a very short one.  
It must not be embittered with the bitter-  
ness too commonly cherished if not en-  
gendered by controversy. I forgive all my  
enemies and most devoutly pray God to  
forgive and bless them.

Mr Onderdonks pamphlet has done  
much injury to the cause which I espouse



Bishop Hobart had withdrawn all opposition; - put forth a subscription in conjunction with Mr Wheaton (Sp: Brownell's agent) and gone to Rome. These things were thought quite tranquil: till Mr Onderdonk's pamphlet came and stirred up the public mind.

The inclosed is a statement made by my Trustees to obviate the difficulty so far as it can be obviated without a controversy. What I wonder at is that such excellent men should thus come forward to support me and the cause of Ohio with such disinterestedness. 'Tis acknowledged by all that the British empire does not produce persons of more real worth and confidence than those who have signed this paper. These publicly as a committee & trustees to advocate a cause & stand up against all opposition is not usual with the nobility - This renders the favour of greater value. I may end to reward them I am not worthy



of such mercies. In the shale of this business God  
has wrought his purposes with the smallest means.  
The glory therefore is the more conspicuously his.  
I know not when I shall return to America.  
I shall go into the south of Eng. Thence into  
Wales with Lord Kenyon & thence into Ireland.

Bishop. Chase

London May 24<sup>th</sup>  
1824

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The Honorable  
Judge Chase

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Columbia. } United States of America

This may commence the news of the summer.  
George I hear has been to Kingston, & may have told  
all the news there. Tell you. Dear wife Oliver  
I hope to see her acquainted with my present wife  
I know she will love her. Your loving Brother  
Milander Chase